

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-6, 9-14, and 23-29 are pending in the present Application. In the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2009, the Examiner rejected Claims 23-27 and 29, and allowed Claims 3-6, 9-14 and 28. The Examiner stated as reasons for her allowance:

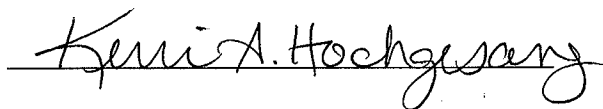
The prior art does not teach a slat for a laser beam cutting machine table that specifically has a first part with a free upper edge, a second oblique part for deflecting the laser beam having a direction of incidence perpendicular to a supporting plane at a distance from the supporting plane and a third part on a plane parallel to the first part and oblique to second oblique part [sic] and connected to second part by a fold line.

In order to place this Application in condition for allowance, Claims 23-27 and 29 have been cancelled. No new matter is incorporated into these Claims, and no further amendments are needed to place the Claims in proper form for allowance. In light of these amendments, the Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner to promptly issue a notice of allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to change any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit account 024300. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment or the accompanying papers, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 041206.034. If an additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The additional extension fee also should be charged to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 041206.034. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 041206.034.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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